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To whom it may concern,

I do not believe the best interests of American society, nor the interests of the free world are being considered with respect to the Microsoft Monopoly.

I am a business owner in a small technology based company providing solutions to the industrial automation market. Manufacturing and processing industries in North America are facing increasing threats from low cost producers in other regions. This takes away jobs and displaces our workforce. For industry to compete in this environment, industrial automation is a necessity.

We have had experience with various operating systems and software. We build our own for our products while employing industry standard interfaces. Microsoft has too big a hand in the infant yet powerful area of computing. Microsoft is well recognized amongst the small guys making it happen, but just like the former USSR structure which existed and was talked about between trusted friends, but never 'officially recognized' for what it was), we are feeling powerless. The ultimate toll will be on the system that lets Microsoft continue to abuse it's market position.

The business practices of Microsoft need to be moderated in the best interest of our future generations. Too much influence is being concentrated and only the influenced cannot see this.

With all due respect, Terry Hermary

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